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ROBERT NELSON ELLIOT RETIRES AS DIRECTOR OF SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS BUSINESS SCHOOL.

After 45 years of service in the field of education, Robert Nelson Elliot gives up the post of Director of the Business School at Sir George Williams. He will however remain at the Institution as full-time manager of the Strathcona Credit Union.

In 1918, R.N. Elliot registered in the Y.M.C.A. Business School for boys only and since then he has occupied the positions of: bookkeeping teacher, accountancy teacher, Assistant Director, Acting Director and then Director of the Business School. This last post he held for the last twenty-four years.

Many of Sir George Williams present staff have taken a course or two from Nelson Elliot, as a matter of fact it is interesting to note that Professor James Finnie, Head of the Accountancy Department, started as a student of Mr. Elliot, then became his assistant and then took over the Accountancy Department in the University. Among other people who studied under him, we note Mr. Henry Worrell, Bursar of the University, his assistant Mr. Malcolm Foster Squibb, Mr. Ted Lande, Chairman of the Alumni section of the building fund campaign.

Under his leadership the Business School has developed to a point where it is considered one of the best in its field in the Province. It is the only business school in Montreal that grants the Pitman certificate. Mr. Elliot does not see too much difference between students today and students 20 years ago. He said they worked harder.

He is not unfamiliar with his new duties, since he was National Director of the Strathcona Credit Union for seven years. He was a devoted, outstanding educator and the staff of Sir George Williams University and Schools wish him well in his future endeavours.

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